



**United States of America**  
**National Labor Relations Board**  
**NOTICE OF ELECTION**



**PURPOSE OF ELECTION:** This election is to determine the representative, if any, desired by the eligible employees for purposes of collective bargaining with their employer. A majority of the valid ballots cast will determine the results of the election. Only one valid representation election may be held in a 12-month period.

**SECRET BALLOT:** The election will be by SECRET ballot under the supervision of the Regional Director of the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB). A sample of the official ballot is shown on the next page of this Notice. Voters will be allowed to vote without interference, restraint, or coercion. Electioneering will not be permitted at or near the polling place. Violations of these rules should be reported immediately to an NLRB agent. Your attention is called to Section 12 of the National Labor Relations Act which provides: ANY PERSON WHO SHALL WILLFULLY RESIST, PREVENT, IMPEDE, OR INTERFERE WITH ANY MEMBER OF THE BOARD OR ANY OF ITS AGENTS OR AGENCIES IN THE PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES PURSUANT TO THIS ACT SHALL BE PUNISHED BY A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$5,000 OR BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE YEAR, OR BOTH.

**ELIGIBILITY RULES:** Employees eligible to vote are those described under the VOTING UNIT on the next page and include employees who did not work during the designated payroll period because they were ill or on vacation or temporarily laid off, and also include employees in the military service of the United States who appear in person at the polls. Employees who have quit or been discharged for cause since the designated payroll period and who have not been rehired or reinstated prior to the date of this election are *not* eligible to vote.

**SPECIAL ASSISTANCE:** Any employee or other participant in this election who has a handicap or needs special assistance such as a sign language interpreter to participate in this election should notify an NLRB Office as soon as possible and request the necessary assistance.

**PROCESS OF VOTING:** Upon arrival at the voting place, voters should proceed to the Board agent and identify themselves by stating their name. The Board agent will hand a ballot to each eligible voter. Voters will enter the voting booth and mark their ballot in secret. **DO NOT SIGN YOUR BALLOT.** Fold the ballot before leaving the voting booth, then personally deposit it in a ballot box under the supervision of the Board agent and leave the polling area.

**CHALLENGE OF VOTERS:** If your eligibility to vote is challenged, you will be allowed to vote a challenged ballot. Although you may believe you are eligible to vote, the polling area is not the place to resolve the issue. Give the Board agent your name and any other information you are asked to provide. After you receive a ballot, go to the voting booth, mark your ballot and fold it so as to keep the mark secret. **DO NOT SIGN YOUR BALLOT.** Return to the Board agent who will ask you to place your ballot in a challenge envelope, seal the envelope, place it in the ballot box, and leave the polling area. Your eligibility will be resolved later, if necessary.

**AUTHORIZED OBSERVERS:** Each party may designate an equal number of observers, this number to be determined by the NLRB. These observers (a) act as checkers at the voting place and at the counting of ballots; (b) assist in identifying voters; (c) challenge voters and ballots; and (d) otherwise assist the NLRB.

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**WARNING:** This is the only official notice of this election and must not be defaced by anyone. Any markings that you may see on any sample ballot or anywhere on this notice have been made by someone other than the National Labor Relations Board, and have not been put there by the National Labor Relations Board. The National Labor Relations Board is an agency of the United States Government, and does not endorse any choice in the election.



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32-RD-234817

## VOTING UNIT

### EMPLOYEES ELIGIBLE TO VOTE:

Those eligible to vote are: All full-time and regular part-time Technical Operators I, Technical Operators II, Technical Operators III, Technical Operators IV, Technical Operators V, Utility Techs, Process Operators A, Process Operators B, Rackers and Blenders, Rackers and Blenders I, Rackers and Blenders II, GWWs, Warehouse Workers I, Warehouse Workers II, Warehouse Workers III, Warehouse Utility Techs, Maintenance Level Is, Maintenance Level IIs, Maintenance Level IIIs, Maintenance Level IVs, Maintenance Level Vs, Maintenance Level VIs, Cellar and Shipping Working Foremen, and Shipping Sub Foremen, employed by the Employer at its facility located at 17000 E. Highway 120, Ripon, CA, who were employed by the Employer during the payroll period ending January 25, 2019.

### EMPLOYEES NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE:

Those not eligible to vote are: Exempt, salaried positions, temporary employees employed by an agency, and members of other bona fide collective bargaining units as covered by collective bargaining agreement with the Employer, managers, office clerical employees, guards, and supervisors as defined in the Act.

### NOTE:

Also eligible to vote are all employees in the unit who have worked an average of four (4) hours or more per week during the 13 weeks immediately preceding the eligibility date for the election.

## DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF ELECTION

Thursday February 21, 2019	5:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. AND 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	The Employer's premises The Cabana 17000 E. Highway 120 Ripon, CA
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**ALL BALLOTS WILL BE COUNTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE LAST VOTING SESSION.**

**SEE VOTING SCHEDULE NEXT PAGE**



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**MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEES ARE FREE TO VOTE AT ANY TIME THE POLLS ARE OPEN.**

**CELLAR EMPLOYEES, TECHNICAL EMPLOYEES, AND WAREHOUSE EMPLOYEES, MAY VOTE ON EMPLOYER TIME IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING RELEASE SCHEDULE:**



- Warehouse, Graveyard - 5:30am – 6:15am
- Technical Operations, Graveyard– 6:15am – 7am
- Cellar, Graveyard - 7am – 7:30am
- Warehouse, Day - 8:15am – 9am
  
- Technical Operations, Day – 2pm – 2:45pm
- Cellar, Day – 2:45pm – 3:15pm
- Warehouse, Swing – 4pm – 4:45pm
- Technical Operations, Swing – 4:45pm – 5:30pm
- Cellar, Swing – 5:30pm – 6pm

**ALL EMPLOYEES MAY VOTE ON YOUR OWN TIME WHILE THE POLLS ARE OPEN.**



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 <b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</b> <b>ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMERICA</b> National Labor Relations Board Junta Nacional De Relaciones Del Trabajo 32-RD-234817	 <b>OFFICIAL SECRET BALLOT</b> <b>PAPELETA SECRETA OFICIAL</b> For certain employees of Para Ciertos Empleados De <b>THE WINE GROUP, LLC D/B/A FRANZIA WINERY</b>
Do you wish to be represented for purposes of collective bargaining by ¿Desea usted estar representado para los fines de negociar colectivamente por <b>UFCW INTERNATIONAL - WINE DISTILLERY &amp; ALLIED WORKERS UNION LOCAL 186D?</b>	
<b>MARK AN "X" IN THE SQUARE OF YOUR CHOICE</b> <b>MARQUE CON UNA "X" DENTRO DEL CUADRO DE SU SELECCIÓN</b>	
<div>YES SI</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></div>	<div>NO NO</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/></div>
<p><b>DO NOT SIGN THIS BALLOT. Fold and drop in the ballot box.</b> <b>NO FIRME ESTA PAPELETA. Dóblela y deposítela en la urna electoral.</b></p> <p><b>If you spoil this ballot, return it to the Board Agent for a new one.</b> <b>Si usted daña esta papeleta devuélvala al Agente de la Junta y pídale una nueva.</b></p> <p>The National Labor Relations Board does not endorse any choice in this election. Any markings that you may see on any sample ballot have not been put there by the National Labor Relations Board.</p> <p>La Junta Nacional de Relaciones del Trabajo no respalda a ninguna de las opciones en esta elección. Cualquier marca que se pueda ver en cualquier muestra de la papeleta no fue hecha por la Junta Nacional de Relaciones del Trabajo.</p>	



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**RIGHTS OF EMPLOYEES - FEDERAL LAW GIVES YOU THE RIGHT TO:**

- Form, join, or assist a union
- Choose representatives to bargain with your employer on your behalf
- Act together with other employees for your benefit and protection
- Choose not to engage in any of these protected activities
- In a State where such agreements are permitted, the Union and Employer may enter into a lawful union-security agreement requiring employees to pay periodic dues and initiation fees. Nonmembers who inform the Union that they object to the use of their payments for nonrepresentational purposes may be required to pay only their share of the Union's costs of representational activities (such as collective bargaining, contract administration, and grievance adjustment).

**It is the responsibility of the National Labor Relations Board to protect employees in the exercise of these rights.**

The Board wants all eligible voters to be fully informed about their rights under Federal law and wants both Employers and Unions to know what is expected of them when it holds an election.

If agents of either Unions or Employers interfere with your right to a free, fair, and honest election the election can be set aside by the Board. When appropriate, the Board provides other remedies, such as reinstatement for employees fired for exercising their rights, including backpay from the party responsible for their discharge.

**The following are examples of conduct that interfere with the rights of employees and may result in setting aside of the election:**

- Threatening loss of jobs or benefits by an Employer or a Union
- Promising or granting promotions, pay raises, or other benefits, to influence an employee's vote by a party capable of carrying out such promises
- An Employer firing employees to discourage or encourage union activity or a Union causing them to be fired to encourage union activity
- Making campaign speeches to assembled groups of employees on company time, where attendance is mandatory, within the 24-hour period before the polls for the election first open or the mail ballots are dispatched in a mail ballot election
- Incitement by either an Employer or a Union of racial or religious prejudice by inflammatory appeals
- Threatening physical force or violence to employees by a Union or an Employer to influence their votes

**The National Labor Relations Board protects your right to a free choice.**

Improper conduct will not be permitted. All parties are expected to cooperate fully with this Agency in maintaining basic principles of a fair election as required by law.

Anyone with a question about the election may contact the NLRB Office at (510)637-3300 or visit the NLRB website [www.nlrb.gov](http://www.nlrb.gov) for assistance.